

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3383
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
SETTING UP OF FPIS FOR MANGOES
Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up food processing plants near the production area of mangoes and encourage the private sector to export processed items of mango and ensure economic returns to farmers; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance for setting up of new units and for expansion / modernization of existing food processing units under its Plan Scheme in the form of grant in aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in General areas and 33.33% in Difficult areas up to Rs. 75 lakhs. Food processing units using mango as raw material are also eligible for assistance under the scheme.